

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

After the foregoing Amendment, claims 6-10 and 16-20 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1-5 and 11-15 are canceled without prejudice.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 6-10 and 16-20 contain allowable subject matter.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103(a)

Claims 1-5 and 11-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,016,311 to Gilbert et al. (hereinafter "Gilbert") in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,307,961 to Radpour (hereinafter "Radpour").

In view of the foregoing amendment and the cancellation of claims 1-5 and 11-15, the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection of claim 1-5 and 11-15 is now moot.

Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephonic interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this

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application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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